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H. A. HERBERT,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

## Intimations.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

IN Accordance with the Resolution passed at the Meeting of Subscribers to the Race Fund on the 4th November last, a MEETING of the MEMBERS will be held at the St. Andrew's Hall, City Hall, on WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 28th Instant, at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose of laying before them the Rules of the Jockey Club as drawn out by the Stewards.

By Order, H. J. H. TRIPP.  
Hongkong, January 24, 1885. 150

MEDICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN CHINA.

THE 46th Annual MEETING of the MEDICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN CHINA will be held at Messrs. RUSSELL & CO., in Canton, on THURSDAY, the 29th Instant, at 2 p.m.

SUBSCRIBERS and FRIENDS interested are INVITED to be present.

SECRETARY.

Canton, 26th January, 1885. 157

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Thirty-Seventh Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 62, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th February, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declare a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd Instant to the 4th February, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, T. ARNOLD,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 15, 1885. 159

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

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3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time, will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.

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5.—Persons desirous of having sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing one cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with one cent stamp the depositor will be entitled one dollar.

6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 6 per cent. per annum interest.

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9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January, and beginning of July.

10.—Cover containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked 'On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business,' be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

WITH Reference to the above, BUSI-  
NESS will be Commenced on the  
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For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

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unrestrained vent to columnous accusations must not spread. Hail Chih-kiang, in this memorial, does not discuss affairs with any impartiality, but has the audacity to pour out slanderous calumnies; his memoir is indeed wild and unseemly ravaging. Let him be handed over to the Board for the determination of a penalty.

There has indeed been a revolution in His Majesty's views since he forbade the proposal of railways at all. Possibly the Prince of Ch'un, who hopes to make his coal mines to the north of Peking pay if a railway is made, is the object of a "slanderous calumny." It is a pity that such a time will always before, if ever, the original memorial can be published in the *Peking Gazette*.

This letter over the signature of "Resident," which appears in another column, is one which will command itself to the majority of residents. It may be at once admitted that the big problem of sanitation, which has always been regarded as waiting for solution by means of the fuller supply of water, cannot be satisfactorily grappled with until the new water works are completed. For this state of things the Colony has to thank a late administration. But it does not follow that nothing is to be done to suppress or modify the dangerous exhalations permitted by our present defective drain system. The Sanitary Board, it is true, has done something towards the advancement of cleanliness and wholesomeness. But, so far as can be ascertained, this Board is like a body which is paralysed, having no power to move, however desirable it might seem to do so. And until an Ordinance is passed into law empowering the Sanitary Board to act when it sees fit, the existence of the Board must be more ornamental than useful. A little improvement may be effected by indirect means, and some property-holders may be eager to second the efforts of the sanitary authorities; but, without power, the efforts of our local sanitary reformers must fall a long way short of success. Where nuisances exist, and dangerous defects appear in purely governmental property, there is no doubt that something can and ought to be done, and that without delay. The trouble is where the rights and interests of private property-owners come in contact with those of the Government. Our drainage system, or rather lack of system, is a grand defect which must be dealt with bit by bit. Hence we say that the Sanitary Board, working harmoniously but not powerlessly with private residents, might accomplish much in this direction. The whole subject, like the drains, sorely needs thorough ventilation; and it must be satisfactory to the public generally that it is being kept before our deliberative assembly. Some good ought to result, and if this desirable consummation should show itself before the hot weather sets in, there will be the greater cause for congratulation.

The following is the order of the day for the meeting of the Legislative Council which is to be held to-morrow afternoon:

1. The Honourable T. Jackson, pursuant to notice, to ask if it is true that the funds of this Colony are at present being spent upon the construction of a fort in the Linton Pass, covering the proposed minefield, upon which it is intended to mount 40-pounder guns, which have been obsolete for nearly twenty years, and which would prove utterly useless against modern ordnance.
2. The Attorney General to move the second reading of a Bill entitled:

A Bill to amend Ordinance 14 of 1870.

3. The Attorney General to move that the Council into Committee on the following bills:

- (1) A Bill to amend Ordinance 8 of 1882.
- (2) A Bill entitled *The Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1884.*
- (3) A Bill entitled *An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 7 of 1873.*
- (4) A Bill entitled *The Unclaimed Balances Ordinance, 1884.*

HENRY Irving says that, of all the people on earth, the American people eat with the most intelligence. It is plain to be seen that Mr. Irving means well, but it can't be possible that he has ever watched our people paralyse a sixty-minute meal in twenty minutes at a railway saloon or he never would have made that remark.

When Americans partake of a twenty-minute railroad dinner intelligence takes a vacation. Everything is done on the go—there's play, and he who eats most is considered the best man.—*Rich's Sun.*

"An Old Sailor" enters a vigorous protest against the "impropriety, not to say indecency," of discussing the arrangement of women's petticoats in the public press, which has been so freely indulged in of late by Mr. Oscar Wild and others. "An Old Sailor" says:—In the days of my youth we were taught to regard woman's dress as a sacred mystery; and so it ought to be to the opposite sex. For heaven's sake, sir, let them wear many or a few petticoats as they please, and let them be of whatever shape and texture suits their fancy and convenience; for them hang them to their shoulders or their waist, however they find most comfortable, and let them do with strait or suspender buttons, hooks and eyes, or pads and sealing wax if they like it, in private in their own rooms, and not in public. We do not want to know how their lower rigging is placed and set up; that, surely, is their own business, and the discussion of it by men in the public press is disgraceful and impudent.

This is the opinion of one who has a profound respect for the ladies, and who neither wishes to see their petticoats dragged through the mud nor tried up higher than our mothers were theirs; but who thinks they are quite capable of looking after their own business, and dressing themselves without assistance from us.

A SCIENTIFIC paper says:—Coffe is not a good summer drink. Its stimulating property is beneficial to persons with a sense of physical debility, but coffee arrests, temporarily, all natural processes of waste, whereas in hot weather these should be allowed full play. Tea is a far better drink. It is stimulating, and is, therefore, very injurious when taken in large quantities; but over-stimulation, with the implied necessity of some water, makes good the physical force which it causes to develop too rapidly, and its heat and effects. Taken without sugar it is cooling, but a heaped teaspoonful of sugar will generate particularly out of form. The properties apparently had to exercise their functions, as there are an unusual number of cases of "leg before wicket."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE SANITARY STATE OF THE COLONY.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Hongkong, Jan. 26th.

Sir.—It is rumoured that a popular unofficial member of Council will, at the next meeting of our local Legislature, ask a pertinent question or two regarding the sanitation of the Colony, and the present constitution and working of the Sanitary Board. This is a matter of vital interest to the community, seriously affecting health and well-being, and the question, I am sure, will not be satisfied with mere explanations, but will press for some reasonable and practicable and immediate solution of the difficulty. Complaints are made regarding the various and disease-bearing effluvia which escape from the various ventilators and traps in the town and especially in the upper parts of it, and if the member of Council succeeds in bringing about an improvement in the present unsatisfactory state of things, he will assuredly earn the gratitude of his fellow citizens and possibly have the satisfaction of preventing the outbreak of some serious epidemic.

I enclose my card and remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

RESIDENT.

## SUPREME COURT.

## IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Sir George Phillips, Chief Justice.)

Tuesday, January 27.

YIM HI PA and SHI CHOU YIK v. GROSSMANN AND CO., \$4000.

The Attorney General (the Hon. E. L. O'Malley), instructed by Messrs. Donnys and Mossop, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Mackean, instructed by Messrs. Wotton and Deacon, represented defendants.

The Attorney General said the plaintiffs' claim was for \$5000 damages for breach of contract for the sale of certain cartridges. He then read the plaintiffs' petition, which set out their case as follows:—Plaintiffs are private gentlemen residing in Canton, and carried on business under the name and style of Kwan Chong Fuk, and the defendants are merchants carrying on business in this Colony. In the month of August, 1884, the plaintiffs, by their agent, Yu Hi Po, agreed to purchase from defendants \$1,00,000 boxer Snider cartridges, for \$12.50. Plaintiffs paid defendants the sum of \$4,000 as part of the purchase money when the agreement was made, and they were to pay the remainder on delivery, which defendants undertook to make within three months from the date of the agreement. On or about the 17th September the defendants informed plaintiffs, through their agent, that they could not and did not intend to carry out the agreement, and they returned to the agent the \$4,000 which plaintiffs had paid as a deposit. At the time the defendants declined to carry out their contract the market price of the articles was \$16,000, and plaintiffs therefore prayed that defendants be ordered to pay them the difference of \$12,000 for not fulfilling the agreement, which they were entitled to wait four days as to whether or not this contract could be executed. Mr. Yu Hi Po bound himself to pay \$4,000 as bargain money, and to pay cash on delivery. Witnesses waited the three or four days, and then went back to Mr. Grossmann, who asked him to wait a few days more, as the people at home were looking for the cartridges. This he did, and then Mr. Grossmann said he could supply the cartridges, and an agreement was drawn up by Mr. Grossmann and signed by him. Chow Oi Tai, alias Yu Sheung Yi, to negotiate with Messrs. Grossmann & Co. for the purchase of cartridges. Mr. Grossmann agreed \$1.40. Yu Hi Po told witness to offer only \$1.35. Witness spoke to Mr. Grossmann, who advised him that they had bought them at 30 shillings and he calculated he would have it had been carried out.

In cross-examination witness said that when these boxer cartridges were not procurable in Hongkong, at the time he made the contract.

Mr. Mackean again addressed the Court briefly, and contended that plaintiffs had not shown they had suffered any loss.

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